

county, local, or other organizations, as well as those of private and industrial or other organizations and enterprises.

Program of economic stabilization.

(f) A program of economic stabilization of the fisheries and of Federal, State, or other assistance needed during the post-war period and thereafter to effect orderly development and expansion of the commercial fisheries and allied enterprises, and to secure and provide for the fisheries benefits comparable to those afforded the food production activities and industries dependent upon the lands.

Statistical and market-reporting system.

(g) A comprehensive statistical and market-reporting system to provide complete, accurate, and current data on production and fishing intensity in the commercial and recreational fisheries, to facilitate the most efficient utilization of the aquatic resources and the greatest possible benefits and returns therefrom, as well as for the purpose of providing fundamental information on rates of withdrawal in order that the effects of utilization upon the basic resources may always be known.

Financing of program.

(h) Special and regular appropriations necessary to establish a national policy and to carry out a program for the optimum utilization of the marine and fresh-water commercial and recreational fishery resources such as may be necessary to accomplish the specific purposes and objectives hereinbefore mentioned, including funds for the publication and dissemination of technical and practical information.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 3. There is authorized to be appropriated, out of moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such funds as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this joint resolution, but not to exceed \$20,000.

Approved May 11, 1944.

#### [CHAPTER 197]

#### JOINT RESOLUTION

May 12, 1944  
[H. J. Res. 271]  
[Public Law 303]

Making an additional appropriation for the fiscal year 1944 for emergency maternity and infant care for wives of enlisted men in the armed forces.

Children's Bureau,  
Department of Labor.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sum is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, under the Children's Bureau, Department of Labor, namely:

Emergency maternity and infant care.  
57 Stat. 497, 569.

Grants to States for emergency maternity and infant care (national defense): For an additional amount for the fiscal year 1944 for grants to States, including Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, to provide, in addition to similar services otherwise available, medical, nursing, and hospital maternity and infant care for wives and infants of enlisted men of the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grades in the armed forces of the United States under allotments by the Secretary of Labor and plans developed and administered by State health agencies and approved by the Chief of the Children's Bureau, \$6,700,000.

Approved May 12, 1944.

#### [CHAPTER 198]

#### AN ACT

May 17, 1944  
[H. R. 4254]  
[Public Law 304]

To extend for one year the provisions of an Act to promote the defense of the United States, approved March 11, 1941, as amended.

An Act To Promote the Defense of the United States.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That subsection (c) of section 3 of an Act to promote the defense of the United States,

approved March 11, 1941, as amended, is amended by striking out "June 30, 1944" wherever it appears therein and inserting in lieu thereof "June 30, 1945"; by striking out "July 1, 1947" and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 1948"; and by striking out "July 1, 1944" and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 1945"; and subsection (b) of section 6 of such Act is amended by striking out "June 30, 1947" and inserting in lieu thereof "June 30, 1948".

SEC. 2. Subsection (b) of section 3 is amended by striking out the period after the word "satisfactory" and inserting the following: "Provided, however, That nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize the President to assume or incur any obligations on the part of the United States with respect to post-war economic policy, post-war military policy or any post-war policy involving international relations except in accordance with established constitutional procedure."

Approved May 17, 1944.

Time extension.  
55 Stat. 32, 33; 57 Stat. 20.  
22 U. S. C., Supp. III, §§ 412 (c), 415 (b).

55 Stat. 32.  
22 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 412 (b).

Obligations involving post-war policy.

## [CHAPTER 199]

### AN ACT

To amend the Act of April 29, 1943, to authorize the return to private ownership of Great Lakes vessels and vessels of one thousand gross tons or less, and for other purposes.

May 18, 1944  
[H. R. 3261]

[Public Law 305]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the return to private ownership of certain vessels formerly used or suitable for use in the fisheries or industries related thereto", approved April 29, 1943 (Public Law 44, Seventy-eighth Congress; 57 Stat. 69), is amended to read as follows: "That any vessel formerly used or suitable for use in the fisheries or industries related thereto, any vessel of one thousand gross tons (determined in accordance with the provisions of section 77 of title 46 of the United States Code) or less, and any vessel employed on the Great Lakes during the year preceding its acquisition by the United States, the title to which has been or may hereafter be acquired by the United States through purchase or requisition except any vessel seventeen years of age or older traded in under the provisions of section 510, Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, or any other provision of law may be returned to private ownership in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Return to private ownership of certain vessels.

50 U. S. C., Supp. III, app. §§ 1301-1304.

Exception.

53 Stat. 1183.  
46 U. S. C. § 1160; Supp. III, § 1160 note.

Notification by War Shipping Administration.

Return of vessel, requirement.

"SEC. 2. Every such vessel shall, upon determination by the department or agency having possession thereof that the vessel is no longer needed or can be spared by such department or agency without detriment to its service, be made available to the Administrator of the War Shipping Administration (hereinafter referred to as the Administrator), who shall notify the owner from whom such vessel was purchased or requisitioned that the vessel may be returned to such owner upon repayment to the United States of the compensation paid therefor less such allowances as the Administrator may deem reasonable (1) to cover the cost of such reconditioning as the Administrator after consultation with the owner deems necessary to restore the vessel to condition and utility at least as good as when acquired by the United States (ordinary wear and tear excepted), and (2) to compensate such owner for the use of the vessel by the United States, and upon compliance with such other terms and conditions as the Administrator may prescribe. The determination of such allowances by the Administrator shall be final notwithstanding any other provision of law.